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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: VISIT TO INDONESIA

OF EPA'S DR HAROLD SNYDER

REF: A. JAKARTA 0810 (NOTAL)

B. SINGAPORE 0359 (NOTAL)

C. STATE 016564 (NOTAL)

1. INDONESIA'S MINISTER OF RESEARCH DR SUMITRO
DJOHADIKUSUMA HAS EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY HIS GREAT
APPRECIATION TO EPA AND DR SNYDER FOR LATTER'S VISIT
TO INDONESIA JAN 25 TO 29. HE AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS
HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR DR SNYDER AND HIS WORK. EMBASSY
ALSO EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF
DR SNYDER'S RELATIONS FROM MINISTERIAL LEVELS
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ON DOWN. HIS VISIT WAS GREAT ASSIST TO EMBASSY IN

HELING US TO DEMONSTRATE USG RESPONSIVENESS TO
INDONESIA'S NEEDS AT TIME WHEN IN MANY OTHER AREAS
INDONESIANS INTERPRET OUR ACTIONS AS SHOWING
DISINTEREST AND EVEN WITHDRAWL OF SUPPORT.

2. FROM DR SNYDER'S COMMENTS WE ALSO JUDGE THAT
HE WAS IMPRESSED BY SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE AND
QUALITY OF WORK BY INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ON POLLUTION
PROBLEM DESPITE THEIR LIMITED EXPERIENCE. EMBASSY
WAS IMPRESSED BY INTEGRITY OF INDONESIAN APPROACH
AS EXPRESSED TO DR SNYDER BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER
EMIL SALIM. LATTER STRESSED THAT WORK ON EVALUATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OF OIL POLLUTION BEING DONE
ENTIRELY BY INDEPENDENT AGENCIES EXPERT IN SUCH
MATTERS AND KEPT SEPARATE FROM AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY CLAIMS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE, IN ORDER NOT
TO PREJUDICE OR JEOPARDIZE CLAIM. WE UNDERSTAND
DR SNYDER SATISFIED THAT VISIT MET HIS, STATE'S AND EPA'S
CONCERNS TO AVOID ANY LEGAL OR POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT
BY EPA IN MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY EVENTUAL
INDONESIAN COMPENSATION CLAIMS (REF C PARA 3).

3. WHILE IN JAKARTA, DR SNYDER ALSO MET WITH IR OETOYO BOENJAMIN
CHIEF, SAFETY POLLUTION DIVISION, OIL AND GAS DIRECTORATE,
MINISTRY OF MINES, AND WITH TWO CALTEX OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH
REGIONAL OIL SPILLS CONTINGENCY PLANNING. NEWSOM

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